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Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Auction

Thursday, February 10th, 2022 Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. | Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Peggy McKamey of The Gospel Singing McKamey's

Main Street Baptist Church Family Life Center 405 Fourth Street | Rocky Top, Tennessee

Single Ticket \$30.00 | Couple Ticket \$50.00 Table Sponsorship (seats 8) \$300.00 For Tickets: Contact a Board Member, visit www.rockytoptnchamber.com or call 865-426-9595

> Tickets may be purchased at the Door. Cash or Check Only.

All proceeds from the Dinner & Auction go toward the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program.





The Coal Creek Miners Museum is looking for a part-time employee who will welcome visitors and assist them through the museum. Applicants must be able to perform some light lifting and light cleaning. The museum is receiving funding through a senior workforce development program to fund this position, so the applicants must be 55+, currently unemployed and have a gross income of less than \$15,950 for a single person and \$21,550 for a married person. Applicants should be interested in serving their community and refreshing their job skills. Interested applicants can submit resumes and questions to info@coalcreekminersmuseum.com.

SEND US YOUR EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The Rocky Top News is published by volunteers who are not always able to gather all of the news happenings in Rocky Top. Therefore, we are asking for your help. If you are at an event, please take a picture and email it to the Rocky Top News at rockytopchamber@gmail.com with the details of the event. Also, if you are involved in an organization or group that is planning an event in Rocky Top, please email or call the Rocky Top News with the details. There is no event too big or too small to let us know about.

AREA EVENTS IN AND AROUND ROCKY TOP COMMUNITY

Winter Farmers Market in Oak Ridge - Every Saturday, 9am-Noon

Oak Ridge 10 Miler - January 15th

Jack Tales at Oak Ridge - January 28th-30th

January Jam at the Grove in Oak Ridge - January 29th

All events are subject to change.

Please follow social media or call for up-to-date information about your favorite events.



2021-2022 School Year Calendar

January 17	Martin Luther King Day (District Closed)	
February 21	Presidents' Day (District Closed)	
March 11	3 rd Grading Period Ends (47 days)	
March 14-18	Spring Break (Schools Closed)	
April 15	Good Friday (District Closed)	
April 18	In-service (NO school for Students)	
May 3	In-service (NO school for Students)	
May 27	Last Day for Students (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)	
	(94 days) (178 Year Total)	
May 30	Memorial Day (District Closed)	



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Chamber Events

This is a great opportunity for Chamber members to network with other Chamber members.

Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend any these events. For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce or for updated events, visit www.rockytoptnchamber.com

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CITY OF ROCKY TOP MEETING SCHEDULE

City Court

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 a.m.

Downtown Growth Committee

2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.

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Please submit events, content and ads by email.

rockytopchamber@gmail.com

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get a medicine lock box



find resources & support



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"Main Street Baptist Church strives to provide life-changing ministries for every member of the family. Through worship and discipleship training, we hope to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with the Rocky Top community. We also offer a Food Pantry (Tuesday 12-2pm) and the Rocky Top Recovery program (Thursday 7pm) for individuals or families of individuals with addiction issues.

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INCLUDES:

ALICE ActiveShooter Response Training

Join us for ALICE Certified Instructor Training hosted by the East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers!

This 2-Day Instructor training course is designed to teach participants the skills and strategies to increase survivability during the gap between the time a violent event occurs and, law enforcement arrives. Upon successful completion of this course, you will be a Certified ALICE Instructor and will have the knowledge and resources to train others in your community

January 24th and 25th, 2022

8am - 5pm

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

6024 Grove Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918

Register: https://cvent.me/AqX2PO Use Code: 142344-PC74900 when registering

www.alicetraining.com | 330-661-0106

There are more ways than one to be prepared for a violent event. Whether you are at a mall, in a theater, grocery shopping, at work, at school, attending a game or listening to a concert, you have options. By the time law enforcement arrives, violent events are usually over. Seconds count during a violent event. The actions taken by civilians, in between when the event begins and law enforcement arrives, are significant and can increase survivability.

The East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers program is proud to bring this nationally acclaimed training to the Knoxville region. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training is a pro-active, options-based training program empowering individuals to participate in their own survival until help arrives.

Why ALICE Training:

Save Lives – ALICE preparedness training will help individuals in your care respond with confidence, increasing the survivability of an act of violence.

Build Confidence – ALICE strategies are supported by peer-reviewed research to reduce anxiety and build confidence in individuals who have gone through the ALICE program.

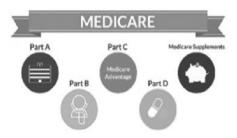
Mitigate Risk – The ALICE program helps every organization meet and exceed active shooter response requirements designated by their industry oversight rules

Make plans to join us on January 24 and 25, 2022 by registering today to attend this train-the-trainer class.

Register Today at: https://cvent.me/AgX2PO

Use code: 142344-PC74900 when registering

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NEW AT ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Fiction:

The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
The First Christmas A Story of New Beginnings by Stephen Mitchell
Gated Prey by Lee Goldberg
The Devil's Sea by Dirk Cussler
Out of the Rain by V.C. Andrews
Mercy by David Baldacci

These Silent Woods by Kimi Cunningham Grant Flying Angels by Danielle Steel Fear No Evil by James Patterson

The Left-Handed Twin by Thomas Perry
The Ballad of Laurel Springs by Janet Beard
Heard It In a Love Song by Tracey Garvis Graves

False Witness by Karin Slaughter
A Thousand Voices by Lisa Wingate
The Midnight Lock by Jeffrey Deaver
Autopsy by Patricia Cornwell

Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult Good Hope Road by Lisa Wingate Drenched in Light by Lisa Wingate Tending Roses by Lisa Wingate

The Language of Sycamores by Lisa Wingate Return to Summerhouse by Jude Deveraux Adult Paperback Fiction:

A Harvest of Love by Marta Perry
An Unexpected Amish Christmas by Rachel Good
Dear Santa by Debbie Macomber
Open Carry by Marc Cameron
Marriage Can be Mischief by Amanda Flower

Non-Fiction:

I Love My Airfryer Affordable Meals Recipe Book by Aileen
Teriffic Table Manners by Michelle Markel
The Breathing Cure by Patrick McKeown
Essential Southwest by Fodor's
Video Chatting for Seniors by Nick Vandome
Juvenile Fiction:

Return of the Dragon Slayers by Brandon Mull Paws for a Cause by Kyla May

Juvenile Graphic Novel:

Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives by Dav Pilkey

Juvenile Biography:

Who is Jeff Kinney? by Patrick Kinney
Who Was Princess Diana? by Ellen Labrecque
Who Was Roberto Clemente? by James Buckley
Who Was Alexander Hamilton? by Pam Pollack
Who Were the Three Stooges? by Pam Pollack
Who Was George Washington Carver? by Jim Gigliotti
Who Was Charlie Chaplin? by Patricia Demuth
Who Was Blackbeard? by James Buckley
Who Was Ernest Shackleton? by James Buckley
Who Was Mister Rogers? by Diane Bailey
Juvenile Non-Fiction:

What Was the Titanic? by Stephanie Sabol
What is the Civil rights Movement? by Sherri Smith
What Was the Holocaust? by Gail Herman
What Was the Bombing of Hiroshima? by Jess Brallier
What is Congress? by Jill Abramson
What Was the Vietnam War? by Jim O'Connor
What Were the Roaring Twenties? by Michele Mortlock

Where is the Vatican? by Megan Stine
The First Thanksgiving by Peter Mavrikis
How to Build LEGO Cars by Hannah Dolan

Children's Easy:

Cold Turkey by Corey Rosen Schwartz We Give Thanks by Cynthia Rylant Congratulations to the Lake City Elementary School Basketball Team! GO LAKERS!

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Join Today



Thank you for being a Friend!

This month is the time to renew or join our Friends of the Library.

All memberships and other donations support our library programs, not to mention the perks you receive for joining as a friend.

Stop by the library for more information today.

OCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY...FUN!!!

Make It Monday Adult Craft Class Life Tops

The January class will be Monday, January 10th. The Craft is a DIY Snowman Craft and the registration fee is \$7.00 due by, Monday, December 27th. The February class will be Monday, February 14th. The Craft is a DIY Mason Jar Valentine and the registration fee is \$5.00 due by, Monday, January 31st.

For more information and to sign up you will need to stop by or call the Library, 865-426-6762. Classes start at noon and limited space available.



ROCKY TOP PUBLIC LIBRARY

January Closures:

Closed Saturday, January 15th and Monday, January 17th in Observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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> > BY OTHER BOOKS.



Bring your babies and preschool children to Rocky Top Public Library every Friday at 10:30 a.m. for Little Tots Storytime and join in the fun with stories, songs and lots of fun activities!

Please join **Rocky Top Public Library SATURDAY at Noon** for story time and a craft!





Little Trees Painting Group

Come join the Little Trees Painting Group on the 3rd Monday of every month at noon. The January class will be TUESDAY, January 18th due to Monday being MLK Day

Bring your paints and canvas and enjoy the fun. No registration is required. For more information you may call the library at 865-426-6762. Class is limited to 8 people.

How to log in and access our on-line catalog from the website:

- 1. Log into: rockytoppubliclibrary.com
- 2. Click on: Request an Item
- 3. Select Log In: It is automatedly defaulted to TENV
- 4. Select Drop Down Box: You will be given an option to select your library. Type in Rocky Top Public Library.
- 5. Enter your library card number
- 6. Enter userpass as your password when you first set your account up. You can change the password once your account is set up.
- 7. You will now have full access to all the materials at the library and

Free Tax Return Preparation **Rocky Top Public Library** 865-426-6762

PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT What you will need:

□ Proof of identification

■ Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration

☐ Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return

■ Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, 1099-G,

1099-Misc., 1099-R, from all employers

☐ Gambling Winnings (Form W2G)

☐ Interest, IRA and Dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)

☐ Tuition (Form 1098-T)

☐ Health Insurance information (If you have Marketplace/Obama Care insurance you MUST have FORM 1095-A)

☐ Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)

☐ A copy of last year's Federal returns if available

■ Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit

■ To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

☐ It is extremely important that each person use the correct Social Security Number (SSN). The most accurate information is usually located on your original Social Security card.

SITE OPEN February 8th thru April 15th.

We will start scheduling appointments beginning Monday, January 31st. To make an appointment you may call the library @ 865-426-6762.

Appointments will be done virtually.

AST PACE HEALTH URGENT CARE

Rocky Top, TN, Opening a New Fast Pace Health Walk-In Clinic

Rocky Top, TN – On January 7, Fast Pace Health will bring more healthcare services to Rocky Top, TN, area with a new walk-in urgent care clinic at 510 N. Main Street. This convenient Fast Pace Health location will be open seven days a week with extended weekday and weekend hours for residents of Rocky Top and the surrounding communities. "We have built our name and reputation on our compassionate, reliable and affordable approach to health care with services that can be scarce in smaller communities," said Fast Pace Health CEO Greg Steil. "Especially during a pandemic, patients need immediate solutions, and our safe and convenient Rocky Top clinic will offer treatment for a wide range of illnesses with walk-in urgent, primary and preventative health care services. We also offer scheduled services for behavioral, telehealth, and occupational health care needs." The clinic will feature multiple exam rooms, on-site lab and COVID-19 testing, and x-ray capabilities. Patients can also take advantage of virtual telehealth for urgent care common ailments as well as medication prescription and refills. "Our mission to

the health of those we serve remains true, and we aim to bring that commitment of providing a comfortable, stress-free and professional health care experience to Rocky Top. Our staff of experienced clinicians will provide comprehensive health services that meet the needs of the community," said Steil. The Rocky Top location is part of an expanding Fast Pace network of clinics established in over 150+ communities across Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Indiana, and Louisiana. More information about Fast Pace Health is available at FastPaceHealth.com.

https://www.fastpacehealth.com/location/rocky-top

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About Fast Pace Health

https://www.fastpacehealth.com/about-us/

Location Information

Fast Pace Health 510 N. Main Street, Rocky Top, TN 37769 865-205-9582

First Month Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 5 PM Saturday - Closed

Sunday - Closed

Regular Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 8 PM Saturday – 8 AM to 5 PM Sunday – 8 AM to 5 PM





A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE JUDGES

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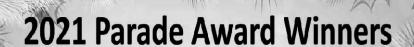
It was our pleasure to honor our 2021 Mayors Award Recipients, The Spitzer Family (In Memory of Ronnie Spitzer) and The Phillips Family (In Memory of Red Phillips) along with our 2021 Grand Marshal Recipient, The Baggett Family (In Memory of Henry Baggett).







CONGRATULATIONS!



FLOATS

1st - Clear Branch Baptist Church
2nd - Sleepy Eyed Johns
3rd - Rocky Top Dentistry



1st - Willowbrook Baptist Church
2nd - Lake City Football #2

TRACTOR

1st - Daniel Gentry

HOT WHEELS

1st - Harold Collins 2nd - Brad Shadrick

3rd - Mike & Vickie Foust

ATV/UTV

1st - Alley Smiddy















The City of Rocky Top celebrated their 4th Annual Arbor Day Ceremony on November 8th. Members of the local community along with Lake City Elementary School students were in attendance. Ms. Sophia Martin, Lake City Elementary School Student Council President read the city's proclamation of Arbor Day. Bags filled with Arbor Day memorabilia from the Arbor Day Foundation were passed out to those who attended. Nearly 20 trees were planted by the Arbor Day Foundation based on these items that were purchased for the event. Rocky Top Tree Committee Chairperson Tim Hatmaker passed out special gifts to Tree Committee members Robert Griffith and Sharon Kinser, Accounting and Court Clerk Allison Smiddy and City Manager Michael Foster for all of their efforts in making Rocky Top a 3 time Tree City USA. Ms. Diane Warwick, State Forester presented the city with their 3 year award. Denise Casteel and City Recorder Kari Bates were also recognized for their contributions to the city's tree management efforts.





Rocky Top Tree Committee Chairperson Tim Hatmaker was awarded the Urban & Community Forestry Awards of Excellence Urban Forestry Council Citizen Activist Award for outstanding

contributions to Forestry in Tennessee for 2021. This award is presented annually to one outstanding citizen activist for the entire state of Tennessee. His efforts were paramount in forming a local Tree Committee, ordinance development, community education, grant funding and the planting of nearly 1,000 trees or seedlings over a four year period. Additionally, Rocky Top has been awarded the prestigious Tree City USA award for three consecutive years. Mr. Hatmaker was nominated by Robert Griffith. The award was presented by Tennessee State Forester Diane Warwick.







ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS!

Did You Know
Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce
gives two \$1000 scholarships?
Each year two students that attended
Lake City Middle School
and are Graduating from
Anderson County High School
receive the scholarships.
Scholarship Applications are available
to pick up in
the Guidance Office
at Anderson County High School.
Applications must be emailed to
rockytopchamber@gmail.com by April 5th.





Behavioral Health of Rocky Top

210 Industrial Park Lane, Rocky Top, TN 37769 BehavioralHealthofRockyTop.com

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New Tennessee License Plates Debuts in January

In observance of the 225th anniversary of Tennessee statehood Governor Bill Lee unveiled the state's new standard license plate. The design of the new license plate was chosen by Tennesseans through a statewide vote.

More than 300,000 Tennessee residents cast a vote, with 42% voting for the winning design. Per the Tennessee statute, the license plate is redesigned every eight years if funds are approved in the General Assembly's annual budget. This statute requires that either "Tennessee," "Volunteer State" and "TNvacation.com" be displayed on the plate, along with the county name and the expiration decals. This statute also allows Tennesseans to choose "In God We Trust" as a plate option.

Beginning January 3, 2022, the new Tennessee license plates will be available online and in-person, as residents complete their annual tag renewals. Anderson County Clerk Jeff Cole says that personalized tags will also have the new design and will be eligible for pick up during the month the plate expires.

This new license plate design will replace the current plate that launched in 2006 with modifications in 2011, 2016, and 2017.

In Anderson County, Cole reminds citizens that when picking up the new plates, to not "forget that the Clinton and Oak Ridge offices have a drive-through, which is an express option that is offered by the Anderson County Clerk's office."

